

House Bill 527

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

- 1 To amend Code Section 20-2-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Quality Basic Education Formula, so as to change program weights for funding purposes; to  
3 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 20-2-161 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Quality  
7 Basic Education Formula, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

8 "(b) As the cost of instructional programs varies depending upon the teacher-student ratios  
9 and specific services typically required to address the special needs of students enrolled,  
10 state authorized instructional programs shall have the following program weights and  
11 teacher-student ratios:

12	(1) Kindergarten program .....	1.6508
13		<u>1.6724</u>
14	weight and	
15	1 to 15	
16	ratio	
17	(2) Kindergarten early intervention program .....	2.0348
18		<u>2.0678</u>
19	weight and	
20	1 to 11	
21	ratio	
22	(3) Primary grades program (1-3) .....	1.2849
23		<u>1.2948</u>
24	weight and	
25	1 to 17	
26	ratio	

27	(4) Primary grades early intervention program (1-3) .....	<u>1.7931</u>
28		<u>1.8180</u>
29		weight and
30		1 to 11
31		ratio
32	(5) Upper elementary grades program (4-5) .....	<u>1.0355</u>
33		<u>1.0390</u>
34		weight and
35		1 to 23
36		ratio
37	(6) Upper elementary grades early intervention program (4-5) .....	<u>1.7867</u>
38		<u>1.8125</u>
39		weight and
40		1 to 11
41		ratio
42	(7) Middle school program (6-8) .....	<u>1.1310</u>
43		<u>1.1380</u>
44		weight and
45		1 to 20
46		ratio
47	(8) High school general education program (9-12) .....	1.0000
48		weight and
49		1 to 23
50		ratio
51	(9) Career, technical, and agricultural education	
52	laboratory program (9-12) .....	<u>1.1916</u>
53		<u>1.1830</u>
54		weight and
55		1 to 20
56		ratio
57	(10) Program for persons with disabilities:	
58	Category I .....	<u>-2.3798</u>
59		<u>2.4118</u>
60		weight and
61		1 to 8
62		ratio

63	(11) Program for persons with disabilities:	
64	Category II .....	<u>2.7883</u>
65		<u>2.8402</u>
66	weight and	
67	1 to 6.5	
68	ratio	
69	(12) Program for persons with disabilities:	
70	Category III .....	<u>3.5493</u>
71		<u>3.6188</u>
72	weight and	
73	1 to 5	
74	ratio	
75	(13) Program for persons with disabilities:	
76	Category IV .....	<u>5.7509</u>
77		<u>5.8710</u>
78	weight and	
79	1 to 3	
80	ratio	
81	(14) Program for persons with disabilities:	
82	Category V .....	<u>2.4511</u>
83		<u>2.4737</u>
84	weight and	
85	1 to 8	
86	ratio	
87	(15) Program for intellectually gifted students:	
88	Category VI .....	<u>1.6589</u>
89		<u>1.6794</u>
90	weight and	
91	1 to 12	
92	ratio	
93	(16) Remedial education program .....	<u>1.3087</u>
94		<u>1.3576</u>
95	weight and	
96	1 to 15	
97	ratio	

98	(17) Alternative education program .....	1.4711
99		<u>1.4881</u>
100		weight and
101		1 to 15
102		ratio
103	(18) English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) program .....	2.5049
104		<u>2.5892</u>
105		weight and
106		1 to 7
107		ratio"

## SECTION 2.

109 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.